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MEMORANDUM FOR

SUBJECT: COMMITTEES OF THE US INTELLIGENCE BOARD

The following informal comments are submitted on the draft study of USIB committee structure. I find myself in a great deal of agreement with the draft study and my comments, for the most part, are merely suggestions for completeness or clarity.

a. With regard to the consideration of establishing those high level committees (paras. 5 and 6, Production, Collection and Support), an argument against the proposal is that, for the most part, this would merely superimpose another structure within the intelligence community which is not considered necessary, particularly if the later proposal as regards the Critical Collection Problems Committee is adopted (para. 9h).

b. The comment as to the present adequacy of the Watch Committee process (paras. 6, pg. 6 and 7) is perhaps inaccurate. I believe that the USIB should re-examine this function, particularly the overlaps of the Berlin and Arab Israeli Committees. Perhaps these should be made ad hoc support groups of the Watch Committee.

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e. I am not convinced that the broad responsibilities of CODIB are now necessary in that many of the original problems appear to be resolved. Although agreeing that it be retained, e.g., to follow through on Joint Study Group Recommendation No. 40, it is suggested that para. 9c, in addition to indicating that CODIB be retained, also recommend that its charter be re-examined.

f. I heartily concur and have long advocated the proposal of para. 9h regarding the need of the collection process for greater centralization and control.

g. In addition to the proposal of para. 10 to strengthen the USIB Secretariat, I would suggest that the study recommend that the USIB Secretariat examine the various problems that come before USIB with a view to developing a group of formats to be used by the USIB subcommittees in placing actions before USIB. These should be kept

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to as few formats as possible, and should have the aim of assuring that action papers are placed before USIB in a uniform manner. The present procedure and presentation of estimates is excellent; however, each committee currently submits its reports and action requests to USIB in an individual and different fashion - requiring an expert on the subject to cull out the chaff from the grain. I should be glad to explain my thoughts in greater detail if you desire.

h. The overall draft proposal is, in my opinion, an excellent step in the right direction and I heartily concur in its purpose. I would also prefer Alternative Organization Chart 1 with the additional placement of the Berlin and Ad Hoc Committees under the Watch Committee rather than reporting directly to USIB.

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